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Applicant(s): A. SHIMADA, et al  
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DISK ARRAY APPARATUS

Group:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 5, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as  
set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;

Amendment of the Abstract;

Amendment of the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.